

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3215 - HB 3558

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SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a pharmacist to dispense to the patient a more expensive generic equivalent rather than the generic prescribed if the drug is covered under the patient's drug plan, is in stock, the patient requests the more expensive generic and the patient is willing to pay the difference between the two.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The state and local health plans will not incur an increase in expenditures because the patient is required to pay the difference between the more expensive generic equivalent and generic prescribed.
- The Bureau of TennCare is not allowed to charge enrollees for the difference.
- There will not be a change to the drugs covered by the TennCare preferred drug list and there will not be an increase to the monthly prescription drug limit.
- If there is a more expensive generic equivalent that is covered by the TennCare drug program, the increase in expenditures for the patient selecting such drug will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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